

TRANSCO NETWORK CODE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL No. 0560

"Publication of indicative maintenance schedule"

Version 1.0

Date: 28/06/2002

Proposed Implementation Date:

Urgency: Urgent

Justification

Transco's maintenance programme could have a significant impact on physical capacity availability at system entry points and therefore the value of entry capacity. To allow shippers to value entry capacity in annual auctions, shippers should have access to an indicative annual maintenance programme report highlighting the impact of any planned maintenance on capacity availability.

As the first set of annual entry capacity auctions are due to be held next month, this modification merits urgent status to ensure that the report is published ahead of the auctions to assist shippers in preparing bidding strategies.

Nature of Proposal

Transco should be obliged to publish each year an indicative annual maintenance programme at least one week ahead of the annual NTS entry capacity auctions. The indicative annual maintenance schedule should be based on the current April and October maintenance programme reports but should cover the period October to September for the forthcoming year. The report should set out the impact of any planned maintenance on entry capacity availability at all system entry points.

Purpose of Proposal

This change would lead to more efficient pipeline operation and use and would also facilitate competition between shippers and suppliers

Consequence of not making this change

Failure to publish this information could lead to inefficient use of the pipeline system and damage competition and consumers. Failure to publish the schedule could lead to shippers placing incorrect valuations on entry capacity based on an incomplete information. This could lead to higher costs for customers and/or higher constraint costs.

Area of Network Code Concerned

Section L

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